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SUBJECT: BYELORUSSIAN GOVERNMENT THANKS PRESIDENT BUSH AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR CHERNOBYL' AID

¶1. THE BYELORUSSIAN REPUBLIC FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY FORWARD THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM REPUBLIC PRIME MINISTER V.F. KEBICH THANKING PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR HELPING THE VICTIMS OF THE CHERNOBYL' DISASTER (ENGLISH TEXT SUPPLIED BY BYELORUSSIAN MFA):

(BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR MR. BUSH:

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO YOU, THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY, TO ALL CHARITY, SOCIAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY FOR COOPERATION AND HELP IN OVERCOMING THE AFTERMATH OF THE CHERNOBYL CATASTROPHE AND ESPECIALLY FOR RECEIVING CHILDREN FROM THE CONTAMINATED AREAS IN NEED OF REST AND REHABILITATION.

THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS.

YOUR NOBLE GENEROUS DEED WILL FOREVER REMAIN IN THE HEARTS OF THE BYELORUSSIAN PEOPLE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF
- THE BYELORUSSIAN SSR
V.F. KEBITCH

(END TEXT)

¶2. ORIGINAL BYELORUSSIAN AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXTS WILL FOLLOW UNDER REGISTRY NO. 8517533 VIA UNCLASSIFIED POUCH TO EUR/SOV.

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